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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO YEREVAN 1421: REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR US SPONSORED TRAINING OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL

- 11. As requested in reftel, the Department has reviewed its files and, of this date, finds no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the following member of the Government of Armenia, nominated for training by the Ministry of Defense. The start date of training is January 18, 2008.
- 12. Name of proposed candidate is as follows:

Name of Candidate - Colonel Manucharyan Mher TITLE: Officer ORGANIZATION: MoD, Military Intelligence Department DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 24 Oct 1970, Republic of Armenia; SEX: Male; NATIONALITY: Armenian; TYPE OF TRAINING: Program on Terrorism and Security Studies DATES OF TRAINING: 18 Jan 08 - 22 Feb 08.

12. Following successful completion of local checks, post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual in paragraph 1 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response. If in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.